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Streaming. Move over Netflix, the Dewey decimal system's got a few tricks up its sleeve

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The Ottawa Public Library is getting into the digital streaming business and giving the public access to more than 230,000 movie, television and music titles starting next week.

On Hoopla Digital, the Oscar-nominated film *Boyhood* and this year's Grammy Award-winning album *Morning Phase* by Beck are some of the titles that will be available to library-card holders starting Feb. 17.

"It's an extra value-added feature that people want to see in the library," said Coun. Tim Tierney, the new chairman of the Ottawa Public Library board.

"Just like our e-collections in our library, people don't want ... paper anymore. They want to be able to download it to their Kindle or to another device. So this is just another option that we're putting out there

for people to use."

However, the free service has its limitations. Users can only stream or temporarily download eight movies or TV shows per month for a 72-hour period. Music albums can be rented for seven days.

Also on Feb. 17, the library will launch a second streaming service called Access Video on Demand (AVoD), which will feature non-fiction content such as TED Talks videos, National Geographic segments and other educational content. More than 220,000 videos are included in that service.

Tierney said he is eager to try out the service himself. "I'm a huge TED Talks watcher, so it's a no-brainer for me," said Tierney.

Both services will be accessible on the library website from a desktop or a compatible iOS or Android tablet or smartphone. There is also a Hoopla Digital app users can download for free.

The new services are part of the library's modernizing digital catalogue.

Last December, it launched a separate service called Freegal, which gives access to three hours of music streaming per day from Sony's on-line music collection.



LET THERE BE ROCK!

First, AC/DC announced Wednesday they will play in Ottawa Sept. 3 at TD Place. Centre photo shows AC/DC's Angus Young. Then, the Amnesia Rockfest organizers released their festival lineup revealing, clockwise from top left, Slayer, Snoop Dogg, The Offspring and System of a Down. For more on the ear-blistering awesomeness, turn to page 8. CONTRIBUTED

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Medicine

Doctor resigns after failed abortions

Faced with the possibility of having his licence revoked, an Almonte, Ont., gynecologist who performed failed abortions has resigned and agreed not to practise medicine.

Dr. Michel Ronald Prevost resigned on Feb. 2 after admitting to giving the wrong doses of medicine to patients who wanted abortions. The botched abortions resulted in two children being born with fetal abnormalities.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario found he was "incompetent in his practice of obstetrics and gynecology."

A medical inspector found Prevost "lacked knowledge, skill or judgment" in his treatment of 28 patients, according to a decision released by the college.

"Right up front, I want there to be no misunderstanding, that had you not resigned and agreed not to reapply, this committee, based on the agreed statement of facts, would have revoked your certificate of registration," reads an official reprimand by the college.

"The facts admitted to are nothing short of appalling."

"Not only has there been neglect of patients, failure to practise within well-accepted guidelines, but your care has resulted in tragic consequences to mothers and babies."

Prevost signed an agreement promising not to reapply to practise medicine in Ontario and not to practise obstetrics or gynecology anywhere else, the college said. **METRO**



Jacob Emmanuel Doyle, 16, speaks with Max Keeping during his co-hosting stint at the 2010 CHEO Telethon at the Canadian War Museum. **METRO FILE**

'There will forever be a Max Keeping fund'

Charity. Old foundation being dissolved, new fund to be established in former anchor's name for families with ailing children

Retired CTV news anchor Max Keeping has spent the last 20 years raising funds for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. But he can't anymore.

The Max Keeping Foundation handed over its last remaining \$150,000 to the CHEO Foundation on Wednesday — the first deposit for a new fund that will ease the financial burdens that parents with sick kids have to face.

The Max Keeping Foundation, which has helped thousands of less fortunate kids get involved in organized activities since 1994, will dissolve later this year, with a new Max Keeping Fund for Kids stepping in to continue the former CTV anchor's legacy.

"Max has been associated with CHEO from the time the hospital first opened its doors in 1974 and Max will be associated with CHEO until the doors in this hospital close," said Kevin Keohane, president and CEO of the CHEO Foundation. "While the building may change, there will forever be a Max Keeping fund for kids."

The iconic Ottawa broadcaster has been battling cancer for a decade and his illness has left him unable to ver-

bally communicate. Keeping was expected to participate in a Wednesday presser, but he wasn't able to make it because of illness.

The new Max Keeping Fund for Kids will help families in need of financial support while their kids undergo diagnosis and treatment at the hospital.

Dave Ready, acting chair of the Max Keeping Foundation, said organizations such as JumpStart and the Sens Foundation are picking up the slack when it comes to providing kids with the chance to play organized sports, and it was always the plan to dissolve the foundation after meeting certain goals — like raising over \$1 million for CHEO and getting thousands of Ottawa kids

into organized sports.

But there are still families who need financial help when their kids are dealing with serious illness.

"For children that have to go to Toronto for any kind of surgery, for families that have to come to Ottawa, they often don't have the funds to be with their families," added Ready.

"To alleviate that stress and allow them the time just to concentrate on their children and not concentrate on the funding and the dollars and cents, it gives them that time to be with their children."

He said the timing of the foundation dissolution has to do with Keeping's health, but added that it "wasn't the catalyst" for the decision.

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City severs ties but still owes Plasco

Report. Ottawa on the hook for \$15,000 to household waste disposal company



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Now that Ottawa is pulling the plug on Plasco, it's still unknown how the city will replace the household waste disposal company, but it can get a start on turning a new leaf by settling its tab with the failed company.

Despite a city report tabled Wednesday saying the firm owed the city \$28,000, a late-breaking email from the city's communications office notified media there'd been a mistake, and in fact the city owed Plasco \$15,017.31. The company filed for creditor protection on Tuesday, so it can use every penny. Plasco also laid off 80 employees — with a month's pay — and is hoping to find new investors or buyers.

Confusion over figures



Coun. David Chernushenko, the environment committee chair, speaks to reporters with Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson on Wednesday. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

aside, one thing is clear, according to the environment committee chairman: The city will seek a safer, proven technology than the waste-to-electricity gas plasma incinerator.

"I expect the sentiment of council and the general population is — let's pick something

proven now," said Coun. David Chernushenko.

"Sometimes you gamble ... you pursue a new possibility, but we've done that once. Really, we do not have the time to do it for another 10 years."

According to a city report on Plasco submitted late Tuesday,

there are 37 waste management technologies from around the world up for consideration. Companies from as far as Korea and Germany responded to the city's Request for Information on residual waste management technologies earlier this year.

City staff will review the

options and bring them to the environment committee and council. In theory, they have until 2043 — that's when the Trail Road landfill is expected to max out. But Chernushenko said he hopes council will pick a new alternative this term.

While the waste-to-energy

incinerator was new technology when the city signed an agreement 10 years ago, Chernushenko said it seemed viable at the time.

"There weren't alarm bells saying there's a risk of harm to people, health issues," he said. "The risk to the city was that, in the end, it might prove not to be viable."

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson noted that with trying new technologies, there are "a lot of unknowns."

"I don't think there's anything wrong with wanting to help a local company," he said. "At the end of the day, we were protected financially because the only time we paid Plasco was when they took our garbage."

In 2005, the city signed an agreement with Plasco for a demonstration facility to be built. It has worked on a trial basis since. The city then signed a 20-year agreement with Plasco in 2012, with the goal of turning it into a fully operational commercial site.

The environment committee will review the city's Plasco report on Feb. 17.

Facts

Plasco

- Contract for a trial plant signed in 2005
- 20-year commercial contract signed in 2012
- 109,500 tonnes of waste was to be processed per year

cluding direct combustion (mass burning), gasification and waste to liquid fuels

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- 109,500 tonnes of waste was to be processed per year

- \$50 to \$275 million for capital
- \$3 to \$75 million for operating

Other trash tidbits

- Ottawa processes 330,000 tonnes of residential waste every year
- 51 per cent is diverted from the landfill to composting and recycling

Next steps

- City will review 37 waste management proposals (in-

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John Baird endorses Christine Elliott for Ontario PC leader



Ontario PC leadership candidate Christine Elliott and former foreign affairs minister John Baird prior to a leadership debate in Ottawa on Wednesday. Baird endorsed Elliott as his preferred choice for the leadership of the provincial party. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

2018 election.

Race to replace former leader Tim Hudak down to just three candidates

Former foreign affairs minister John Baird is endorsing Christine Elliott in her bid to become the leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservatives.

Baird says Elliott "has the necessary leadership credentials" and the ability to put Ontario on the right track, saying he believes she is the only Tory candidate who can win the next provincial election in 2018.

The endorsement came as Elliott was set to debate fellow leadership candidates Patrick Brown and Monte McNaughton in Ottawa on Wednesday.

The race to replace for-

mer party leader Tim Hudak is down to just three candidates, after both Vic Fedeli and Lisa MacLeod bowed out last week and threw their support behind Elliott.

MacLeod says Baird's surprise decision to retire from politics was a key factor in her decision, though the Ottawa-area MPP says she hasn't yet decided if she will seek Baird's Ottawa West-Nepean federal seat once he officially resigns as an MP.

Brown, the Conservative MP for Barrie, Ont., is the only leadership hopeful who doesn't have a seat in the Ontario legislature.

Elliott — who was married to former finance minister Jim Flaherty, who died in April of last year — says Baird is the 23rd federal member of Parliament to support her bid for the party's leadership.

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Amnesia Rockfest draws rock, rap heavyweights for anniversary show

Music festivals. The 10th edition of the Montebello showcase boasts a collective of acts including System of a Down, Snoop Dogg



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When Alex Martel was 13, he spent a lot of time loitering through the streets of Montebello, with the Deftones' Around the Fur constantly spinning on his Discman, dreaming of a day when he would see them play live.

Thirteen years later, the now-executive director of Canada's largest metal bash, Amnesia Rockfest, just booked the band to play the 10th anniversary of his festival — and he somehow convinced the band

to play Around the Fur in its entirety.

"It's one of my favourite albums ever," said an excited Martel. "I listened to that album when I was 13, and I still listen to it today. There are not many bands out there that I liked when I was a teenager that I am still a huge fan of."

But the Deftones, not even a headliner at the festival that attracts more than 200,000 revellers, are a bit lower on the "wow" factor when looking at the impressive lineup.

Headliners include The Offspring, Snoop Dogg, Linkin Park and a rare performance by California rockers System of a Down — a band that festival-goers have been dying to see, said Martel.

"They were the most requested band from festival-goers, so I am super happy about that," added Martel. "I think the band doesn't play much, so people don't see them very often. There is just



Fans pack the 2014 edition of the Amnesia Rockfest in Montebello, Que. Headliners for the 2015 show include System of a Down, Linkin Park, Snoop Dogg and The Offspring, complemented by classic throwbacks including Skinny Puppy, Ministry, The Buzzcocks and Descendents. CONTRIBUTED

something about them that people like. They are kind of universal. The more main-

stream crowd can like them, metalheads can also like them, punk rock fans."

It's been 10 years since Martel single-handedly started a small music festival in his

hometown Montebello — a festival that has grown to epic proportions.

The fest has gotten so big, in fact, that Martel has brought in Tim Armstrong of Rancid and Fat Mike of NOFX to act as this year's curators.

And what better way to celebrate 10 years of craziness than with Jackass' Steve-O, who will put on his first Quebec show since he incited a riot in Montreal in 2004. The fest also features comedy acts Tenacious D and comedians Mike Ward and Tom Green.

"We are focusing more on the full festival experience, which is four days long," added Martel.

This year's festival also boasts a number of throwback bands like industrial gods Skinny Puppy and Ministry as well as old school punk bands the Buzzcocks and Descendents.

Rockfest takes place June 18 to 21 at the Montebello Marina.

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Iconic rockers AC/DC set Ottawa tour date

Throwback rock fans are soon to be Thunderstruck when aging Aussie rockers AC/DC come to town to play TD Place's first stadium show Sept. 3 — a show that can pack more than 25,000 partiers into the stands and on the field.

The iconic rock band that topped the charts for much of the '80s announced dates for the North American leg of their Rock or Bust Tour with stops in Toronto, Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa and Moncton, among others.

Wednesday's announcement came just days after AC/DC played on U.S. television for the first time in 14 years, as they kicked off the 57th Grammy Awards last Sunday.

Twitter was on fire Wednesday morning with Ottawa residents anticipating a devilishly entertaining show from the Grammy Award-winning band.

"They are fantastic live," said Kelp Records Director Jon Bartlett, who saw the band play in Moncton seven years ago. "They are going to be a bit different now, but they put on a really great show."

The band will look a bit different when they take the



Aussie rockers AC/DC will perform TD Place Stadium this fall, a venue that can hold more than 25,000 people. JEFF ZELEVANSKY, FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

field at TD Place, as drummer Phil Rudd is in legal trouble in New Zealand — wrapped up in charges of threatening to kill someone and drug possession and won't be making the trip to Ottawa. Chris Slade returns to the band to fill in for Rudd.

With TD Place becoming one of the city's premier outdoor spots for concerts, Bartlett expects to see bigger, better bands coming to Ottawa — huge bands like Radiohead or Metallica that sell tens of

thousands of tickets to their shows.

"The outdoor thing has a bit more of a festival atmosphere and it sounds better than an arena," he said.

"A lot of people's first shows are those big shows when they come through and those are the ones that you remember when you look back when you are older. It's an event."

Tickets for the show go on sale Feb. 16 at 10 a.m.

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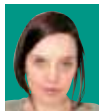
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Local cinema channels man's childhood

Ottawa Family Cinema.

Jim McNeill's movie house is a nostalgic blast from the past



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In this era of multi-screen, shopping-centre-sized theatres, one small, local cinema continues to provide moviegoers with a nostalgic yet modern experience.

Inspired by his upbringing in a large family in Belfast, Ireland, Jim McNeill started the Ottawa Family Cinema 35 years ago and has been running it with a group of dedicated volunteers and family members ever since.

"We didn't have a lot of money — there were 10 kids in my family — so our escape was going to the movies," he says.

"One of the local cinemas there had door prizes and all kinds of stuff so, when I



Inspired by his upbringing in Ireland, Jim McNeill started the Ottawa Family Cinema 35 years ago and has been running it with a group of dedicated volunteers and family members ever since. FACEBOOK

came to Canada, I thought, wouldn't it be nice to start something like that here for families who didn't have a lot of money, where there was a theatre they could go to every week and there would be movies and door prizes. It

would be an event."

Ottawa Family Cinema offers a completely different experience than the big theatres. For starters, there is just one screen. The theatre's home is inside the Notre Dame High School auditor-

ium, which holds up to 650 people. Even though the theatre is equipped with modern finishes like 3D and digital projectors and Dolby Digital theatre surround sound, there are also a number of nostalgic touches.

"We have ushers with a flashlight that will show you to your seat; there are curtains on the stage that open and close, which you don't see in the theatres anymore; and we normally have a cartoon as well as the door prizes," Mc-

Neill explains.

There are also the typical amenities of a movie theatre but the concession and ticket prices are much lower. That's because Ottawa Family Cinema is a not-for-profit organization — all of the staff are volunteers, and all of the money raised beyond operating costs is donated right back to the community through its Family Movie Trust Fund.

McNeill also hands out dozens of free tickets to families in need.

"Every show that we put on, we invite underprivileged families free of charge," he says.

"It touches people's lives, and that keeps you going."

Details

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Binh, left, and Phuoc Wagner in an undated photo. Their father underwent an operation Wednesday to give part of his liver to one of his twin daughters. Michael Wagner donated his liver to Phuoc, 3, according to the family's Facebook page. COURTESY WAGNER FAMILY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dad, daughter recovering after liver transplant

Health. Doctors decided which twin got transplant as the other three-year-old waits for a life-saving donor

A Kingston father and his three-year-old daughter were recovering in hospital on Wednesday after both underwent "successful" liver-transplant surgeries.

Michael Wagner gave part of his liver to Phuoc — one of his twin daughters who have Alagille syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects vital organs, and who would die without a liver transplant.

The family is still waiting for a liver donor for Phuoc's sister, Binh.

The two surgeries lasted 13 hours at the Toronto General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children, the hospitals said in a statement.

Wagner is in good condition, while Phuoc is listed in fair condition, which means the "patient may be uncom-

fortable or have minor complications," but the patient has a "favourable outlook," according to the hospitals.

The twin girls' story made headlines around the world when the family said it couldn't possibly decide which daughter would receive the donation, so they left it to doctors to pick the best candidate based on medical reasons.

The girls' mother, Johanne Wagner, said last week that she hadn't been tested yet because she needed to be there for the kids if something went wrong with her husband's surgery. She will get tested if another donor cannot be found.

Gary Levy, who runs the liver-donor program at the Toronto General Hospital, said donors can give up to 70 per cent of their liver, which will regrow to its full size, but that a living donor can only donate once. He said potential liver donations jumped sharply after news of the family's situation gained worldwide attention.

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Food inspection

Two food products recalled in Ontario

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has issued a pair of food recalls affecting products sold in Ontario.

One recall covers Elite Salads-brand White Fish because of the potential presence of *Clostridium botulinum*, which causes botulism.

The product, from Elite Salads International of Thornhill, Ont., is sold in 200-gram packages with a best-before date of Mar. 15.

The second recall, due to concerns of possible salmonella contamination, affects two cheese products from Mountainoak Cheese Ltd. of New Hamburg, Ont. Farmstead Premium Dutch Semi-soft cheese is sold to restaurants, while a smoked version is sold at retail.

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Medical marijuana

Pot found to be too strong for clients

Health Canada says an Ontario medical-marijuana company is recalling some of its product because it's stronger than indicated on the label.

The pot — sold under the name Nyce N' EZ — is supposed to have a THC content of 9.07 per cent, but inspectors found it actually

had a THC content of up to 13.7 per cent.

Health Canada says exposure to high levels of THC may increase the risk of adverse effects but says the level of THC in the recalled product does not appear to have been high enough to endanger clients.

Peace Naturals Project is instructing clients to discontinue use of products with lot number 12-NAE-003-14 and lot number 12-NAE-003-14-A. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Interfaith couples find belonging

Interlove Project.

Ontario-based photographer profiling 100 couples across province and sharing their stories online



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It was at a January wedding in a north Toronto synagogue that I first met my ex-boyfriend's family — almost three years after we started dating.

We were both nervous, me so much that I left my favourite pair of gloves in the back seat of the cab. By the end of the day, I would also lose confidence we would make it as a couple.

I am Muslim, he is Jewish, but we were both not particularly religious. We even joked that since neither of us celebrates Christmas or eats pork, it actually made dating easier. But at the wedding, when he introduced me to a relative in her mid-30s she would neither offer her hand nor directly meet my eye. At dinner, though we sat at the same table, we did not speak.

An older relative sitting beside me leaned over and whispered, "Don't worry, my wife's not Jewish, either. They'll come around."

But when I told him I was Muslim, he raised his eyebrows: "Oh. Well, that's a harder sell."

That night it became clear that issues around family acceptance, children, and honouring traditions were going to be hard to ignore. And over the coming



From the Interlove Project website, top left: Craig and Amanda of Toronto — Craig feels a strong Afro-centric spiritual connection while Amanda is "a staunch atheist"; top right: Heather and Jordan of Toronto — Heather is Catholic and Jordan is Jewish; bottom left: Dean and Emily of North York, Ont. — Dean was raised in a Jewish family and Emily was raised Catholic, but now embraces traditional Anishnawbe spirituality, as per her mother's Algonquin heritage; bottom right: Sahar and Alvaro of Toronto — Sahar is a Muslim and Alvaro a Catholic. COURTESY COLIN BOYD SHAFER/INTERLOVEPROJECT.COM

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"Most conflicts between religions are man-made and are driven by politics. This project is the perfect way to showcase people who have decided to rise above it all."

Sahar Zaidi, a Muslim, who is in a relationship with Alvaro Tovar, a Catholic.

months, as we tried to bring our families more into our relationship, we realized the opposition — for us — was insurmountable.

But there are many others facing similar obstacles willing to tackle those concerns head-on.

This year, Etobicoke, Ont.-based documentarian Colin Boyd Shafer is profiling 100 interfaith couples who are doing just that.

Dubbed the Interlove Project, Shafer has raised \$10,000 on Indiegogo to photograph couples



across Ontario and share their stories online.

Although there's been much exploration of interracial marriages in art over the past three decades, Shafer says he doesn't believe the complications in interfaith unions have been looked at with the same intensity. Though statistically still rare, those relationships are relatable for anyone who lives in diverse societies, he says.

According to a Statistics Canada survey from 2011, 73 per cent of all married or common-

law couples in Canada belong to the same religious group. "Mixed unions," defined as couples in which one person belongs to a visible minority, represented 4.6 per cent, or 360,045 marriages, but among those half belong to the same religion as their partner.

Shafer says even in a multicultural society like Canada, one of the issues interfaith couples cite is not having a precedent to hold up to their loved ones as proof that their relationship can work.

Deadline

Feb. 25

The deadline to apply to be profiled for the Interlove project is Feb. 25. Photos and stories about the couples are posted online at interloveproject.com.

Shafer thinks his project might change that.

"From the stories that I've already done, you can see that there's a lot of challenges, but there's also a lot of triumphs," he says. While he says the aim is not about promoting the idea of interfaith relationships, he hopes it will help couples to feel that they're not alone.

That's precisely how being part of the project has helped Jordan Nadel, 34, who works at an interior design firm in Toronto. He was photographed with his partner last year. On New Year's Eve, Nadel, who is Jewish, got engaged to Heather Stokes, 28, who identifies as Catholic.

"By being a part of a larger group, our hope is to give our families a greater perspective on how relationships are changing," says Nadel. "When we realize we're part of this bigger community doing this, we feel stronger and more confident about it. It definitely has given us a source of strength."

Although the couple's families support the engagement, Nadel knows that all the complications haven't been resolved. Take, for instance, their wedding ceremony.

"We recently booked a rabbi and a priest for our ceremony," he says, adding they are making an effort to include the wishes of both families into the event. "The rabbi is saying the priest can give a blessing, but he can't mention Jesus," he laughs.

"Those complications are ongoing but we're facing them one at a time," Nadel says.

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Kenney hints at possible Ukraine training mission

Military. New defence minister also said the Tories haven't decided whether to extend mission against ISIL

The country's new defence minister left the door open Wednesday for Canadian troops to join the U.S. in training Ukrainian forces and for an extension of the combat mission against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group.

Jason Kenney, speaking on CBC's Power and Politics, echoed Prime Minister Stephen Harper's comments in saying that "all options are on the table" when it comes to opposing Russian interference in eastern Ukraine but was more specific on the issue of training.

He said: "If there is consensus that we could play a role in terms of training, we would be open to doing so, but no decisions have been taken."

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Defence Minister Jason Kenney

U.S. Army Europe, Lt.-Gen. Ben Hodges, said Wednesday a battalion of U.S. soldiers would train three battalions of Ukrainians from the Interior Ministry at the Yavariv training centre in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv.

The training won't begin until March, but Hodges said it will teach the Ukrainians how to better defend themselves against "Russian and rebel artillery and rockets."

The six-month combat mission against ISIL expires by late March, and Kenney, who was appointed this week to the portfolio, says the Conservative government hasn't made up its

mind whether to extend it or ask Parliament for a different mandate — or even if an extension would be put before MPs.

The decision to go to war in Canada is the exclusive domain of the federal cabinet, but the Conservatives have made it practice to consult the House of Commons.

Meanwhile in Washington, President Barack Obama has asked Congress for a limited mandate to wage war on ISIL, but it would not include "enduring offensive ground combat operations."

The resolution would not limit military operations to Iraq and Syria or prohibit defensive ground operations.

The language is similar to what the Harper government has been saying to justify the actions of special forces trainers, who have been guiding air strikes for Kurdish peshmerga fighters, and have also been engaged in three defensive fire-fights. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

For more coverage of Obama's mandate to wage war on ISIL, see page 14.



Retrial set to begin for Canadian journalist

In this May 2014 file photo, Canadian-Egyptian Mohamed Fahmy, acting Al Jazeera bureau chief, talks to the judge during his trial on terror charges in Cairo, Egypt. Fahmy is bracing for a return to a cage in a Cairo courtroom where his retrial is set to begin on Thursday. A lawyer for the journalist, who has been in prison for more than a year on terror-related charges, is expected to ask that he be deported to Canada. Fahmy and his two colleagues — Peter Grete and Baher Mohamed — were arrested while working for Al Jazeera English in December 2013.

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Chris Kyle. Slain Navy SEAL suspected shooter was 'nuts'

Shortly before he was shot to death by a troubled former Marine at a Texas gun range, legendary Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle texted a buddy, "This dude is straight-up nuts," a defence attorney told jurors Wednesday.

A lawyer for Eddie Ray Routh said in opening statements of the man's murder trial that Routh's insanity was so evident that Kyle and his friend Chad Littlefield exchanged texts expressing alarm as the three rode together in February 2013 to a Texas shooting range. "He's (sitting) right behind me, watch my six," Littlefield texted back, using a military reference for watching one's back.

But a prosecutor said that even with a history of mental illness, Routh still knew right from wrong.

Kyle's widow, Taya Kyle, testified that Littlefield and



Taya Kyle, wife of slain Navy SEAL Chris Kyle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

her husband were close, and enjoyed spending time with veterans as a way to help them ease back into civilian life. She said her husband had been approached by Routh's mother to help her son.

The case has drawn intense interest, largely because of Kyle's memoir about being a sniper who served four tours in Iraq. The Oscar-nominated film based on the book has grossed nearly \$300 million.

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Costa Concordia. Captain gets 16 years in prison

The captain of the shipwrecked Costa Concordia cruise ship was convicted Wednesday of multiple charges of manslaughter and sentenced to 16 years in jail, Italian court officials said.

Francesco Schettino was convicted of manslaughter in the deaths of 32 passengers and crew in the Jan. 13, 2012 capsizing as well as of causing a shipwreck and abandoning ship while many of the 4,200 passengers and crew were still on board.

The verdict and sentencing brought an end to a trial that has been running since July 2013. Prosecutors had insisted Schettino was a "reckless idiot" and asked the court to sentence him to 26 years and three

months in prison.

Schettino wasn't present when Judge Giovanni Puliatti read out the verdict Wednesday night in a Grosseto theatre, but the former captain told the court earlier he was being "sacrificed" to safeguard the economic interests of his employer. He then broke down in sobs immediately before the panel began deliberating.

Testimony put the spotlight on errors by other crew and equipment malfunctions after the Concordia smashed into a jagged reef when Schettino steered the ship close to the Tuscan island's shoreline while passengers were having supper in the main dining room.

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Stairwell shooting

N.Y.C. officer pleads not guilty

A rookie New York City police officer pleaded not guilty Wednesday to manslaughter, official misconduct and other charges in the shooting death of an unarmed man in a darkened stairwell of a public-housing complex.

Officer Peter Liang appeared briefly in a Brooklyn courtroom packed with officers as the charges were unsealed.

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Mediterranean

Around 300 migrants missing

Some 300 migrants who tried to cross the frigid Mediterranean in open, rubber boats were reported missing Wednesday by survivors as the UN refugee agency and other aid groups sharply criticized the new EU rescue operation as insufficient and costing lives.

The suspected deaths add to the 29 reported earlier in the week by the Italian coast guard.

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Sandstorm covers Cairo, roars through Israel and Lebanon

A sandstorm shrouds Cairo, Egypt on Wednesday morning. The storm also roared into Israel and Lebanon, causing the worst Israeli air pollution in years and sending powerful waves tearing into Beirut's famed corniche along the Mediterranean Sea. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama asks for war powers to destroy ISIL

White House. Draft authorization sent to Congress does not call for deployment of ground forces

President Barack Obama declared Wednesday that the U.S.-led military coalition will succeed in destroying the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group, as he asked

Congress for fresh war powers.

Speaking at the White House, Obama said the draft authorization he sent Congress earlier in the day does not call for the deployment of ground forces. He said that would not be necessary to fight ISIL, although he left open the possibility he could deploy special forces in limited circumstances.

"It is not the authorization of another ground war like Afghanistan or Iraq," Obama

said, seeking to differentiate military efforts under his watch from the unpopular wars the U.S. launched under his predecessor.

Obama said the mission against ISIL is difficult and will stay that way for some time — particularly as coalition forces seek to rout the militants from urban areas in Iraq and Syria. But Obama said the coalition was firmly on the offensive, vowing that "ISIL is going to lose."

"Our coalition is strong, our cause is just and our mission will succeed," Obama said.

The initial reaction to his authorization request in Congress was bipartisan skepticism. Republicans expressed unhappiness that Obama chose to exclude any long-term commitment of ground forces, while some Democrats voiced dismay that he had opened the door to deployment at all. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S., France, Britain close embassies in Yemen

The United States, Britain and France moved to close their embassies in Yemen on Wednesday, increasing the isolation of Shiite rebels who have seized power. In a show of bravado against the Americans, the rebels seized the cars of U.S. diplomats left at the airport on the way out.

At the same time, the rebels — known as the Houthis — attacked demonstrators holding protests against their power grab in various parts of the capital, Sanaa, witnesses said. The fighters beat protesters and stabbed them with knives, arresting more than a

dozen.

The increasing turmoil comes almost four years to the day since the start of Yemen's 2011 Arab Spring uprising that ousted the long-time autocratic ruler, but then opened a political transition that crumbled between the country's grinding forces of tribal politics, sectarian divisions, al-Qaida militancy and succession movements.

The crisis reached a new peak when the Houthis — widely believed to have Iranian support — overran Sanaa late last year. They have since taken over larger parts of the

country.

In January, the rebels put U.S.-backed President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and all his cabinet ministers under house arrest, leading to their resignations. Subsequently, the Houthis, who are followers of the Shiite Zaydi sect in Sunni-majority Yemen, dissolved parliament and declared they were taking over the government.

The embassy closures were a signal that world powers see little chance the rebels' advances will roll back soon.

On Tuesday, the State Department announced it

suspended operations at the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa and relocated remaining diplomatic personnel "due to the ongoing political instability and the uncertain security situation."

The embassy had been operating with only a skeleton staff for some weeks amid deteriorating conditions.

More than 25 vehicles abandoned by departing American embassy staffers at Sanaa airport were seized by the rebels, according to airport officials. The rebels also took weapons that were left in the vehicles, the officials said.

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In this photo taken Jan. 31, 2015, Dorcas Aiden, 20, speaks to a journalist in Yola, Nigeria. Aiden was one of the 270 girls caught in Boko Haram's siege of the Chibok boarding school in April. LEKAN OYEKANMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boko Haram revels in Chibok kidnappings

#BringBackOurGirls.

Girls who have escaped from the extremists describe conditions

When Islamic extremists snatched more than 270 girls from the Chibok boarding school in Nigeria in the dead of night, protests broke out worldwide. The U.S. pledged to help find them, and the #BringBackOurGirls hashtag was born.

Some 10 months later, most are still missing. The Boko Haram extremist group sees the mass kidnapping as a shining symbol of success and has abducted hundreds of other girls, boys and women. The militants brag to their new captives about the surrender of the Chibok girls, their conversion to Islam and their marriage to fighters.

"They told me the Chibok girls have a new life where they learn to fight," says Abigail John, 15, who was held by Boko Haram for more than four weeks before escaping. "They said we should be like them and accept Islam."

The kidnappings reflect the growing ambition and brazenness of Boko Haram, which seeks to impose an Islamic state across Nigeria, Africa's most populous country. Some 10,000 people have died in the Islamic uprising over the past year, compared to 2,000 in the previous four years, according to the U.S. Council on Foreign

Forced marriage

"I said, 'No, I will not marry you.' So he pulled out a gun and beat my hand."

Dorcas Aiden, 20, one of the 270 girls abducted by Boko Haram last spring

Relations.

John was among three girls interviewed by The Associated Press who recently escaped from Boko Haram. While their stories could not be independently verified, they were strikingly similar, and all spoke of their captors' obsession with the Chibok girls.

The kidnappings of the Chibok girls in April brought Boko Haram to the world's attention in a way the group could not have imagined. The hashtag #BringBackOurGirls was tweeted more than 480,000 times globally in early May, and U.S. first lady Michelle Obama held it up in a sign to television cameras.

She said at the time, "In these girls, Barack and I see our own daughters.... We can only imagine the anguish their parents are feeling right now."

On Wednesday, Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan again promised the girls will be brought home alive, saying he is "more hopeful" about their fate now that a multinational force is being formed to fight Boko Haram.

Dorcas Aiden, 20, was another of those caught in Boko Haram's siege. She had finished high school and was living at home when the war came to her village. Fighters

took her to a house in the town of Gulak and held her captive for two weeks last September.

The more than 50 teenage girls crammed into the house were beaten if they refused to study Quranic verses or conduct daily Muslim prayers, she says. When the fighters got angry, they shot their guns in the air. Aiden finally gave in and denied her Christian faith to become Muslim, at least in name, she says.

One day, the fighters stormed into the room where she was kept locked up with a dozen other girls. They showed a video of the Chibok girls, dressed in hijabs, with only their faces visible through their veils. Aiden says she was so overwhelmed that she cried.

The fighters said the Chibok girls were all Muslims now, and some were training as fighters to fight women, which Boko Haram men are not supposed to do.

Aiden says the insurgents threatened to break the legs of any girl who tried to escape, but she and six others ran anyway. As she made her way through abandoned farm fields, she noticed that Boko Haram had filled about 10 other houses with kidnapped girls and women.

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Separatism

Protests continue in Kashmir

Clashes erupted in Srinagar, Kashmir, on Wednesday after authorities blocked pro-independence protesters from marching to a UN office to commemorate the anniversary of a separatist leader's execution 31 years ago.

It was the third day of protests and general strikes called by anti-India separatists. They were protesting the hanging of Mohammed Maqbool Butt in 1984 for killing an Indian intelligence officer.

One civilian was killed and another critically injured in the protests Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina

Three Muslims killed at university

A long-running parking dispute between neighbours motivated a man to kill a woman, her husband and her sister at a quiet condominium complex near the University of North Carolina campus, police said Wednesday.

However, a Muslim civil-rights and advocacy organization asked authorities to address speculation about possible anti-Muslim bias. The three victims were Muslim, a friend said. Craig Stephen Hicks, 46, was charged with three counts of first-degree murder in Tuesday's shooting of Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23, Yusor Mohammad, 21, and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, 19.

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Diplomacy

Regional powers talk Ukraine peace

The leaders of France, Germany, Russia and Ukraine negotiated into the early hours Thursday to try to find a way to halt the fighting in eastern Ukraine that has killed more than 5,300 people.

The talks on ending the conflict between Ukrainian forces and Russia-backed separatist rebels came amid intense anxiety over the sharp spike in fighting in recent weeks, as Europe nervously awaits word on whether Washington will send lethal aid to Ukraine.

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Judge clears deal with landlords

An Ontario judge has given the green light to a compromise between Target Canada and its landlords over properties the retailer will soon leave vacant.

The revised agreement gives Target Canada until

the end of June to finish selling its store leases. It also addresses landlord concerns that delays could leave unoccupied properties in limbo. Target has set a May 15 deadline to wrap up the sales process, with June 30 for those deals to close. If the leases aren't sold by then, the rights will be returned to the landlords.

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Anti-corruption law

New rules tough on Public Works

Recently toughened rules that block Canada from doing business with companies that commit crimes anywhere in the world have put the federal government's main buyer of goods and services in a bind.

The Public Works Department has 66 contracts worth around \$377 million with HP Canada — whose Russian sister company pleaded guilty in a U.S. court last September to creating a secret slush fund used to bribe Russian government officials for a contract. HP Russia was fined more than \$58 million US. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. Congress passes bill to build pipeline

Keystone XL. Vote was 11th attempt by Republicans to advance the controversial project

The Republican-controlled United States Congress approved a bill Wednesday to construct the privately funded Canadian Keystone XL oil-pipeline project, setting up a confrontation with President Barack Obama, who has threatened to veto the measure.

The House voted 270-152 to send the bill to the president, endorsing changes made by the Senate that stated climate change was real and not a hoax and that oilsands should no longer be exempt from a tax used to clean up oil spills. Only one Republican voted against the measure.

But neither chamber has enough support to overcome a veto, and supporters were already strategizing on how to secure the pipeline's approval using other legislative

Quoted



"The president needs to work with Congress

in a bipartisan way and approve the Keystone XL pipeline project."

Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota, the chief Republican sponsor of the bill in the U.S. Senate

means.

Republicans and the oil industry have argued the \$8-billion US infrastructure project is about jobs and boosting energy security by importing oil from a friendly neighbour and shipping it to domestic refineries subject to stringent environmental regulations.

Democrats, and their environmental allies, have characterized it as a gift to the oil industry that would worsen global warming and subject parts of the country to the risks of an oil spill.

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Canadian Pacific girds for railway strike this weekend

A caboose sits outside the Canadian Pacific Railway headquarters in Calgary. The country's second-biggest carrier is bracing for a possible strike this weekend by the Teamsters union, which represents more than 3,300 active locomotive engineers and other rail workers. Management employees will run a reduced freight schedule in the event of a walkout. A work stoppage could occur as soon as 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, according to the Calgary-based carrier. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alaska. Leaders upset over ban on oil drilling in Arctic Ocean

Hanna Shoal, a plateau on the Arctic Ocean floor where Pacific walrus gather to feed and raise pups, has received new protections from the Obama administration that recognize it as a biological hot spot and mark it off-limits

to future oil drilling.

But the announcement triggered an uproar from Alaska leaders eager to begin drilling in the area to create jobs and fund state government projects and services.

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Walmart Canada. Retailer expands as U.S. rival pulls out

Walmart Canada plans to expand seven stores, open two new ones and convert 20 other stores into super centres by adding a grocery section this fiscal year at a cost of \$230 million.

The news comes as U.S.-

based retailer Target pulls out of Canada, shutting down all 133 of its Canadian stores.

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Something's in the air. No, not love. Is that ... pig pheromones?

There are hundreds of "human pheromone" products out there, all claiming that, with a spritz or two, the wearer will become irresistible to potential romantic partners.

If you're thinking of using these to find love this Valentine's Day, don't, cautioned the American Chemical Society on Monday.

The products are tantamount to snake oil. The pheromones they contain, though real, were actually isolated in pigs.

The idea that humans pheromones may attract sexual partners isn't necessarily

wrong. Species across the animal kingdom secrete these molecules to signal fertility to prospective mates, among other messages. There's just not enough known about pheromones in humans to make a love potion possible anytime soon.

Guys, you're better off just throwing on a well-worn T-shirt.

Since the pioneering "sweaty T-shirt study" in the '90s, evidence has been mounting that women tend to be attracted to the natural smell of guys who are more likely to father healthy kids.

The research has focused on a group of genes that code for MHC (major histocompatibility complex) proteins. These play a major role in immune function. The more diverse a person's collection of MHC genes, the more robust their immune system tends to be.

But what do immune genes have to do

And it wouldn't kill you to shower less, either

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with sexual attractiveness?

Kids' immunity is maximized when they inherit different MHC genes from their fathers than from their mothers.

In other words, when a woman likes the way a man smells, it could mean they'd have healthy kids together.

No fancy pheromone cocktails needed for men or smell-detecting equipment or calculations needed for women. Just follow your nose, ladies.

The area of research is controversial, and results differ between populations and different gender identities and preferences.

Women who are taking hormonal contraceptives, which make the body mimic pregnancy, tend to have the opposite reaction to man-stink, preferring guys with immune genes that are more similar to their own.

Another study showed that gay men reacted to sexy man stink in the same way that women did.

Bottom line?

If you're searching for a partner this Valentine's Day, put down the fake pheromones and trust your judgment. But don't ignore what your nose tells you.

Stephanie Orford is a writer based in Vancouver.

It's our flag-iversary, and I for one am proud



MELISSA DUNNE
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Quick, which symbol best encapsulates Canada: a double-double, a beaver, a moose, maple syrup, a Canada goose, a Canada Goose parka, Drake in a Canada Goose parka, ice hockey, the Toronto Maple Leafs or a red maple leaf on a fall day?

Which of these symbols you like and which you despise depends largely on when you were born and where you live. Not everyone is a fan of the Leafs, but many of us love the maple leaf.

From gas stations to hardware stores to beer companies, the maple leaf is ubiquitous.

This Sunday will mark 50 years since the red-and-white flag we now stand on guard for first officially flew above the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill.

Long before that, it was already central to Canadian culture.

Our unofficial national anthem, written by Alexander Muir in 1867, sung the praises of our "Maple Leaf, our emblem dear."

The tune also talks about God saving the Queen and Britannia's flag. Which was apropos, as until 1965 the Royal Union Flag was the only official national flag of Canada. It celebrated our past.

However, by the early '60s, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson knew it was time to look to the future. The possibility of having our very own national flag sparked what was dubbed The Great Flag Debate among politicians.

The people also got a say. Close to 6,000 designs were sent to Ottawa. Beavers made it on to many of the designs; not sure we'd want to be known worldwide for our passion for beavers.



Fans wave the Maple Leaf before Canada's men's hockey game against Team USA at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver. This Sunday will mark 50 years since the flag first officially flew on Parliament Hill.

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Canada geese (yes, those aggressive birds who leave green poop everywhere) were suggested, too. One very cheeky entry featured the four Beatles, with a fleur-de-lis at the centre. Britain's Union Jack was a part of many designs.

Thankfully, our flag does not have another country's flag on it, beavers, geese or the Fab Four.

Yes, I was born in Dublin, so some will automatically discount my view. But I have

lived here most of my life, and as a dual Irish-Canadian citizen, I bleed red, white and maple, thank you very much.

IMHO, our flag with a maple leaf at its heart is truly the perfect symbol for the True North strong and free.

So raise up your cup of Timmies this weekend and cheers to the Maple Leaf Forever!

Melissa Dunne is a freelance writer based in Toronto.



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Redmayne
researching
trans role

Never accuse presumptive Oscar front-runner Eddie Redmayne of not being committed to his work as an actor. Case in point: The Theory of Everything star is reportedly deep into preparations for an upcoming film, *The Danish Girl*, about the first transgender woman to undergo reassignment surgery back in the '30s. And just how is he preparing? The British actor "is literally walking around in heels and wearing his wife's clothing," a source tells Radar Online.



Redmayne



Taylor Swift, Kanye West and Kim Kardashian at the Grammys. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

From dis to duet? Kanye
hints at Taylor Swift team up

Everyone's favourite level-headed cultural critic called into Ryan Seacrest's radio show yesterday to clear a few things up about the Grammys — and to hint at a super-powered pop team-up that may be in the works. Taylor Swift "wants to get in the studio and we're definitely going to do that," West teases. And he also says Swift is something of a trouble-maker when it comes to him interrupting Beck's acceptance speech: "Taylor Swift came up to me right afterwards, literally right afterwards, and tells me that I should have went on stage. This is the irony of my life," he says.

It wasn't just Swift, either.

"Right when that happened, everybody was looking at me, then people started (chanting my name)," he explains of his Grammys stage-rush. "OK, this didn't really happen, those were voices in my head." So, it's official. The voices made him do it. As for why he keeps rushing the stage on Beyoncé's behalf instead the singer herself? "I believe she didn't move and run to the stage because she's a respectful individual," he explains. "But because she's so successful, a lot of times success disables your ability to communicate exactly what the f— you want to say." So ... yeah. But he doesn't want people to think he was saying Beck

isn't a great artist. "When I said that thing about artistry, I think it came off the wrong way and that was a miswording on my part. Obviously, Beck is one of the most respected artists and respects artistry," he says. He's also not planning to attend the Grammys next year unless some major changes to the voting system "to be more in accord with the popular vote."

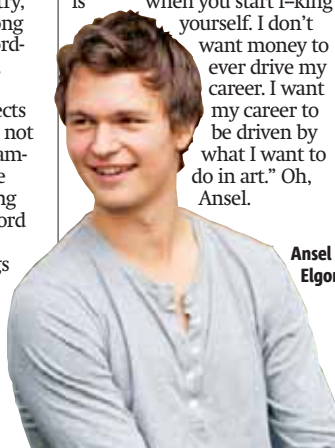
He also has some things to say about the fashion world and breaking down class barriers and punking rich folks and what he talks to Obama about.

Worth a listen.

Ansel opens
up about
love, again

If I were Ansel Elgort's high school girlfriend, I might want to sit him down and have a talk about how every little facet of our relationship doesn't need to be discussed with major monthly magazines. The *Fault in Our Stars* is voluntarily opening up again about his reignited romance with Violette Komyshan, this time to *Details*. "I knew something was missing, and I was like, 'Oh, that's love.'"

In related news, I think Elgort should stop doing interviews, because the sheen is wearing off his public image. What started a year or two ago as a refreshingly refined "aw shucks" antidote to the usual parade of bratty young stars is morphing into some sort of pretentious platitude-spouting jerk-face. Take quotes like this one — from the same interview — about his career goals: "I want to buy a house now, so I can have my place and not worry about money. Then I can do plays. Do Broadway, make whatever movie I want and not feel like, 'Well, I have to pay a mortgage and take this job and that job.' The minute you start thinking, 'I don't want to do that, but it'll make me money,' is when you start f—king yourself. I don't want money to ever drive my career. I want my career to be driven by what I want to do in art." Oh, Ansel.



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By the end of the year, we're going to need a new Daily Show host, and it seems like the Internet is already rallying around Parks and Recreation star Amy Poehler. But that doesn't mean she's the only great option to take over for Jon Stewart. We've got some other ideas, as well.

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With files from The Associated Press

Amy Poehler

First off though, why not Poehler? Her show is ending, so she could use a new regular gig. She's got the perfect comic persona for the venue, and getting behind the desk in New York would be a lovely return to her Saturday Night Live and Upright Citizens Brigade roots.



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Folks to fill Stewart's shoes

Jessica Williams

How about helping one of the show's fastest rising stars rise even faster? Williams has been turning in some of the show's most important work since joining the team, and that could drive the future tenor of the show and help keep it relevant.



Seth MacFarlane

He's a writer, performer and singer who can summon the juvenile glee, if not the artfulness, that Stewart employs to leaven the angst. And he could bring a sidekick — his devilish movie creation Ted the teddy bear.

Chris Rock

Brilliantly funny, certainly fearless. He wrote an essay about being black in an entertainment industry that is "kind of racist" in its hiring practices — although he said he wasn't being political at all, adding, "that's Stewart, that's (Bill) Maher."



Joel McHale

The Soup host already balances his Community sitcom role with a host gig, so why not step it up? He's quick-witted, lovable and has a following that encompasses the frat-boy demo that is undeniably part of the Daily Show fan base.



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A change of face for Thurman

You might just have to take our word for it that you're looking at a photograph of Kill Bill star Uma Thurman, who hit the red carpet for NBC's *The Slap* looking nearly unrecognizable. Her minimal makeup look seems like a perfect opportunity to illustrate just how much of a difference eyeshadow and eyeliner can make. Seriously, it's remarkable. Or maybe it's just the contrast between the very red lipstick and the nearly makeup-free eyes. Or the lack of distinctive bangs. Or the fact that she didn't really feel like smiling.

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The Slap a star-powered character study

TV. Eight-episode series examines the aftermath of a moment of discipline

LISA WEIDENFELD
Metro in New York City

The Slap represents a new step for NBC. The hour-long show is a drama based on an Australian program, but it's a limited episode run, with only eight shows in its season, and a serious list of prestige players took part. The *Kids Are All Right* director Lisa Cholodenko directed every episode, playwright Jon Robin Baitz wrote it, and the show stars Peter Sarsgaard, Thandie Newton, Zachary Quinto and Uma Thurman. The action centres around a group of Brooklynites whose urbane existence is shaken up when one of them (Quinto) slaps another's misbehaving child at backyard barbecue.

Asked what it's like playing the person at the heart of the action, Quinto says, "It's only the centre of the controversy because it's the incident. There



Peter Sarsgaard and Zach Quinto star in *The Slap*. HANDOUT

are so many other things that are happening and there are so many other levels of complexity in each of these characters. They all have their own epicentre of disaster in their lives."

The series examines ideas of parenting in America, always a heady topic, as there's a clash between the Greek immigrant family on one side of the debate, and the longtime U.S. residents on the other. Is the slap child abuse, or an accepted

mode of discipline for a rowdy child? Despite the fact that these are all people who are close enough to attend a party together, Quinto says the characters will "very clearly" divide into camps, but on a broader scale, he hopes audiences are more torn.

"I think if it works, there'll be a lot of going back and forth," says Quinto.

"I like to hold a mirror up to the audience and I like for them

to take responsibility for their feelings and their thoughts and their beliefs."

It's a new direction for Quinto, who many audiences know from his work as Spock or as the villainous Sylar on *Heroes*.

"I was thrilled to get the opportunity to do this. I've known Robbie (Baitz) for years. I'm a big admirer of his work," says Quinto.

"I'm drawn to things that invite an audience in and light

Genre hero

- Though Quinto is making the change from genre to a more straightforward drama, he's still getting into trouble. "(My character) Harry is arguably the villain of the series, but in a very human way, so for me it was about getting into a world that was not elevated or supernatural or science fiction. This is a very human world. So now that I've had the opportunity to do that, I feel a sense of closure on the sort of villainous aspect of my persona."

- Just how goofy can Quinto get? He says he's "looking forward to a future of varied opportunities," and jokes that what's coming next will be "some lighter fare."

a little bit of a fire to generate some discourse, dialogue, debate, and it doesn't give the audience the answer. There's no clear-cut point of view with this story and I like that."

New Ingalls Wilder book shows reality of prairie life

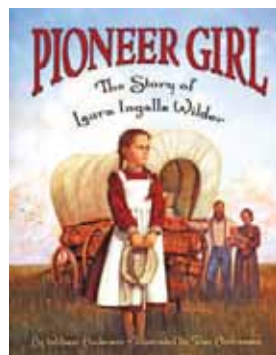
Sleeper hit. Popular autobiography from *Little House on the Prairie* author reveals a hard and violent life

The autobiography of *Little House on the Prairie* author Laura Ingalls Wilder has become a surprise publishing hit in America, with buyers rushing to snap up the candid account of pioneer life.

First published in November by the tiny South Dakota Historical Society Press, *Pioneer Girl* depicts an unglossed view of the 19th-century Midwest, a marked departure from the bucolic imagery of the *Little House* series.

The book "is Laura Ingalls' very first draft before it was edited and romanticized," the press's director Nancy Tystad Koupal told AFP.

"We decided to keep this version, because it was as close to the original story of the 19th-century pioneers. We wanted to show, in a sense, a behind-the-scenes of *The Little House*."



Uncensored

Many elements in *Pioneer Girl* were edited out of adaptations because they were considered too violent. In real life, Laura Ingalls took care of a sick woman whose drunk husband tried to rape her. The author only escaped by fighting back.

witness to a less glossy reality.

"At the time, life was hard. Violence was typical. It was part of the pioneers' life," Koupal said. Koupal says the Ingalls family was in poor financial shape, with little cash and they didn't own a home. Instead, they lived in apartments that Laura's father couldn't always pay for.

"They had to flee in the middle of the night to avoid paying rent," Koupal said.

Wilder's books were adapted for television in 1974 by Michael Landon — who also starred on the show. It ran for nine seasons, comprising more than 200 episodes.

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Who doesn't love a man in a stylish suit?

Fans of Jamie Dornan (cast as Christian Grey) hope to see him shirtless for most of *Fifty Shades Of Grey*, but his outfits also give away a great deal about his character.

"He starts with a grey suit which gives him a protective formality and as he falls in love with Anastasia Steele, we see him soften and become a regular guy — granted he is in a Bottega Veneta windbreaker — but he becomes a little more down-to-earth. His wardrobe is echoing from the outside what is happening on the inside," explains the film's costume designer Mark Bridges.

The Oscar-winner continues: "His clothes reveal that he likes fine things and has the ability and the money to pay for them. Even his T-shirts are Swiss cotton. He has become accustomed to having the most comfortable and luxurious stuff."

To give the impression of timeless quality, Bridges chose one-button suits with a single breasted peak lapel.

"It's in the vernacular of suit making, but you don't see it very often — it's usually reserved for private tailoring. There are two signals from the earlier days of menswear, so I tried to revive some classic details,



Fifty Shades of Grey, starring the ever-so-dapper Jamie Dornan, opens in theatres this Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Focus on the fit

Grey might go for Charvet neckties, a Dolce & Gabbana leather jacket, Ralph Lauren boots and Malo cashmere, but Bridges points out that the key element to Grey's style has nothing to do with famous brands.

"I've had a lot of women come up to me asking, 'How can I make my boyfriend look like Christian Grey?' and I was like 'Hmm ... get him a tailor,'" he chuckles.

while still having very natural shoulders, slim sleeves and contemporary pants," he says.

Bridges, who is nominated at this year's Academy Awards for Best Costume Design for his work on *In-*

herent Vice, reveals he had some famous people in mind to help him create Christian Grey's style.

"I looked at some sports figures ... young stylish men like David Beckham and David Gandy who show up

Quoted

"I've been impressed lately at some functions I have been to in Hollywood where young men, who aren't stars, make their best effort to look really good."

Mark Bridges
Costume designer for *Fifty Shades of Grey*

on best-dressed lists. These guys have access to all the best clothes and always look like a million bucks. But they still look masculine and effortless; it's never foppish or overdone — they just

know how to rock it."

The racy book trilogy reportedly had an impact on sex-toy sales, but Bridges hopes Grey's sense of style could also have consequences on men's wardrobes.

"I think there is this burgeoning attention to tailoring at the moment. I've been impressed lately at some functions I have been to in Hollywood where young men, who aren't stars, make their best effort to look really good.

"And maybe Christian Grey will push that further and encourage people to look even more immaculate and a little less frumpy."

Style. Karl Lagerfeld to launch collection for pint-sized fashionistas

Fashion's most influential and most respected designer is adding another string to his bow with a clothing line for kids, launching Spring 2016.

The Karl Lagerfeld brand will introduce two seasonal junior collections per year, featuring apparel and accessories for newborns through to 16-year-olds.

Most designers would have their work cut out for them if they had to produce eight collections a year for Chanel, along with a host more for Fendi. Not

to mention menswear and premium fragrances for his namesake label, but there is simply no stopping Karl Lagerfeld.

By expanding the range of his eponymous brand to include junior-sized designs, Lagerfeld gives a whole new meaning to the concept of downsizing. His first kidswear collection will retail worldwide through a global licence agreement with Groupe CWF — an international leader in luxury children's fashion.

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Karl Lagerfeld. AFP

Canadian street style

Name: Ariane

Age: 31

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What she's wearing
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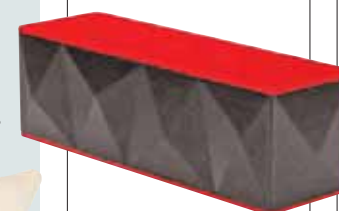
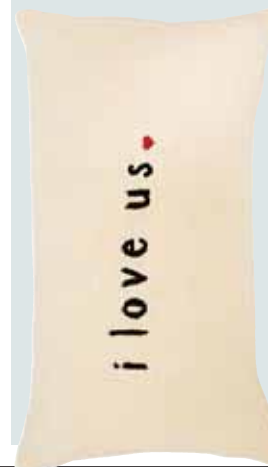


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Serve your morning coffee long, slow and dark; one cup at a time. Wood Pour-Over Stand and #4 Cone Set, \$46, Starbucks.ca

Pillow talk

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Every trick in this book is a space-saver

Portable furnishings.

It looks like a book but expands to suit many decor needs

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The brainchild of Hong Kong-based designer Mike Mak, Bookniture is currently listed on Kickstarter and can be pre-ordered for \$60. It is expected to ship in May. **AFP**

Don't judge a book by its cover



Available in field brown or leather black, Bookniture is 18 x 33 cm when folded up. It expands to 14 times its original size when in use.



Bookniture can be used as a side table, reading nook, picnic table, footrest or stool. You can stack two to make a desk for your laptop. **BOOKNITURE/KICKSTARTER**

Give boring cheesecake a new identity

Dessert. Strawberries and basil make this white chocolate version even more unique

"This baked cheesecake is made with white chocolate and cream cheese for a lovely open yet creamy texture," writes Will Torrent in *Chocolate at Home*.

1. Crush the biscotti in a freezer bag using a rolling pin and tip into a large mixing bowl.

2. Pour the melted butter into the crumbs and stir to combine. Tip the mixture into the prepared pan and press into an even layer with the back of a metal spoon to form a base.

3. Bake on the middle shelf of the preheated oven for 5 minutes. Remove and set aside to cool. Do not turn the oven off.

4. Melt chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over a saucepan or pot of barely simmering water. Stir until smooth and glossy and remove from the heat.

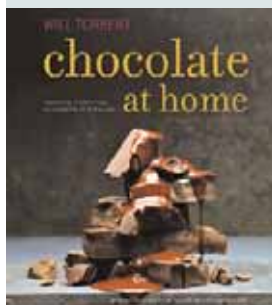
5. Put the cream cheese, eggs, soured cream, sugar and cornflour/cornstarch into a food processor and whizz until smooth. Scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula, then add the vanilla, lemon juice and zest and whizz again.

6. Carefully pour the mixture into the pan on top of the baked biscotti base. Place on a baking sheet and bake on the middle shelf of the still-warm oven for 40 minutes, or until just set.

7. Remove the cheesecake from the oven and let it cool completely before chilling in the fridge.

Cookbook of the Week

Be your own chocolatier



Making your own chocolates can be intimidating, but master patissier Will Torrent takes the fear out of it in *Chocolate at Home*.

The book, while covering the history of chocolate, also explains techniques for producing drool-worthy creations. With chapters on chocolates and truffles, cookies, biscuits and bakes; desserts and pudding, and drinks and ice creams, the possibilities are extensive.

Among specific recipes are: Classic Champagne Truffles, Maple and Pecan Brownies, Chocolate Waffles with Maple Syrup and Steamed Chocolate Pudding and Custard.

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8. To serve, mix the hulled and quartered strawberries together with the baby basil leaves and extra virgin olive oil. Heap the drowned strawberries on top of the chilled cheesecake and serve in slices. **RECIPES FROM CHOCOLATE AT HOME BY WILL TORRENT RYLAND PETERS AND SMALL, \$35.95 CA; RYLANDPETERS.COM**



This recipe serves eight to 10 people. JONATHAN GREGSON

Ingredients

- 175 g (6 oz) plain biscotti
- 75 g (5 tbsp) unsalted butter, melted
- 175 g (1 1/3 cups) white chocolate, chopped
- 600 g (3 cups) full-fat cream

- cheese
- 3 large eggs
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) soured cream
- 175 g (3/4 cup) caster or granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp cornflour or cornstarch

- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- freshly squeezed juice and grated zest of 1 lemon

To serve

- 250 g (2 1/2 cups) strawberries, hulled and quartered

- 1 small bunch baby basil
- 4–5 tbsp fruity extra virgin olive oil

Equipment

- a 20-cm/8-inch round springform cake pan, greased and lined with baking parchment



This recipe serves four to six people. JONATHAN GREGSON

Dessert. Chocolate Mulled Wine

"This is the most decadent hot chocolate you will ever have and the most indulgent mulled wine at the same time," writes Will Torrent in *Chocolate at Home*.

1. Pour the red wine into a saucepan or pot set over a low heat. Add the cinnamon sticks, cloves, star anise, rosemary and bay leaves.

2. Lightly bruise the cardamom pods and add them, along with the half a vanilla pod/bean, to the pan with the orange slices. Add the sugar and slowly heat the wine, taking care not to let

it boil.

3. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside for 30 minutes to allow the spices to fully infuse with the wine. Add the chopped chocolate

to the pan and reheat to just below boiling point, stirring constantly to smoothly melt the chocolate. Add the port (if using), mix again and strain into heatproof glasses to serve.

Ingredients

- 750 ml (3 cups) red wine
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 6 cloves
- 2 star anise
- 1 large sprig fresh rosemary
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 cardamom pods
- 1/2 vanilla pod/bean

- 1 orange, sliced
- 200 g (1 cup) soft light brown sugar
- 250 g (2 cups) fruity dark/ bitter sweet chocolate (I use Saint-Domingue from Cacao Barry)
- 2 tbsp ruby port, optional

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A novel innovation, certainly, but one that changes the taste, too.



VALENTINE'S DAY

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Spending time with your love

Kick things up. It falls on a Saturday, so why not plan something adventurous?

TANYA ENBERG
For Metro

For some, Valentine's Day is a magical time of romance. For others, it is fraught with stress, sending them into high-pressure panic mode.

If you're feeling more fizzle than sizzle, get back on track with these fun ideas for Feb. 14.

With Valentine's Day falling on a Saturday this year, there is opportunity for greater flexibility — and the chance to finally kick the rushed dinner-reservation rut to the curb.

"Go to a live concert, a symphony orchestra, go ice skating and have hot chocolate after," Toronto-based relationship expert Kimberly Moffit said.

"Try doing a little road trip together and check out a diner and the local shops — stuff that is memorable."

For something free or inexpensive, head outside and make snow angels,

take a walk under the stars or choose a new recipe and make a home-cooked meal together.

"With a lot of couples, we're at home sitting on the couch every day," Moffit said. "Valentine's Day is a chance to change the mundane."

Looking to deepen your connection? Start by getting the heart racing.

"If it's outside of your regular routine — something risky and adrenaline driven — it helps couples bond," Moffit said. "Especially if it's something novel, it's something that really stands out."

More than just thrills, these moments can boost communication.

"New experiences also offer a fresh opportunity to talk about things," Moffit said. "It brings new life in."

Before booking an exhilarating outing, be sure to test the waters first.

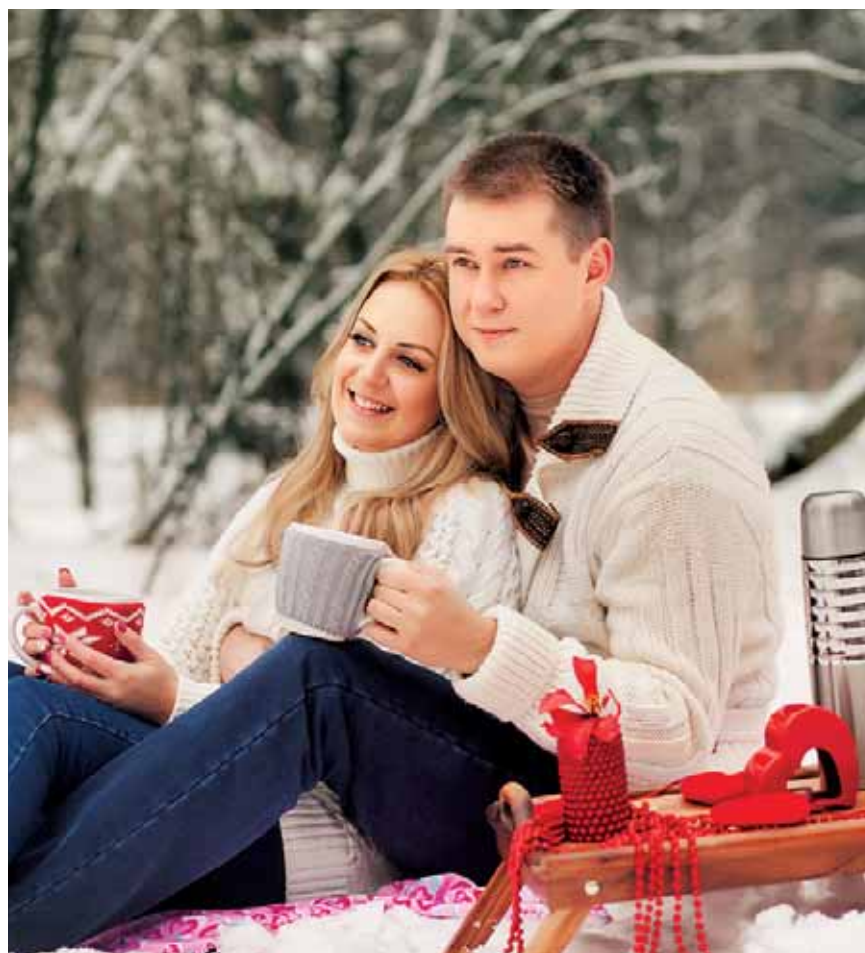
"Float the idea first and see if it is something that they'd want to do and then gauge their reaction," she said.

"Use what you know about the person. Watch for their cues, look around the room and see what they like to do."

V-Day share

Memorable celebrations shared by readers:

- **Blindsided.** "We got engaged. My husband and I discussed how cheesy it would actually be to propose marriage on Valentine's Day — he totally blindsided me. I gave him a crepe pan in exchange." — Geneva Hewetson
- **Two surprises.** "We just moved into our new house. We were having our first breakfast in our new kitchen and I was presented with my Valentine's Day present — some heart-shaped cookware, which was dubious, as I couldn't really cook at the time — and a marriage proposal! I was surprised, but not as surprised as I was a few weeks later when I found out we conceived our first child that Valentine's Day, too!" — Judy Jenkinson
- **Mini vacay.** "We stayed at a bed and breakfast and went snowshoeing in Elora!" — Zoe Rankin



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Pretty in pink

For a sparkling way to keep in touch, carry a Smartphone Slake Deluxe Rose Gold Phonecase from Swarovski, \$105. Available at Swarovski stores across Canada as well as online at swarovski.com.

Lingerie

Baby doll nightie with pink satin cup from Ti Voglio



looks and feels beautiful, \$60. Available at Penningtons stores across Canada and penningtons.com.

Arm candy

Who wouldn't fall in love with this glittering Joseph Nogucci pink-heart charm bracelet, \$23.60. Available at stores. ebay.ca/josephnogucci.

How much do you love me?

Cupid heart measuring spoons have a whimsical feathered bow-and-arrow design on the handles and heart shaped spoons. Stainless steel and dishwasher safe, \$18.80. Available at eBay.ca

Romancing the stone

Store precious jewelry in this tiny Tory Burch Kerrington jewelry case at home – or while on the road, \$95. Available at Tory Burch stores or toryburch.com.

Picture us

Take a picture of the two of you and this 4-inch-by-4-inch Eccolo enamel heart picture frame will be perfect, \$22.99. Available at Bed, Bath & Beyond stores across Canada or bedbathandbeyond.ca.

Let's stay home

Relax into this natural cotton pillow, \$49.50. Available at indigo.ca.

Undercover love

Men's Valentine's Day boxers are \$10 each. Available at Old Navy and oldnavy.ca.

Selfie lover?

All-in-one selfie tool



with built-in remote shutter on extendable wand, \$29.88. Available at Walmart stores across Canada and walmart.ca.

Arousing thoughts

Trojan Arouses & Releases lubricant, \$19.99. Available at mass drug and grocery retailers across Canada and trojanlubricants.ca.

Time stands still

(two products)

Unlock Your Heart Swatch Watch limited edition for women, \$75; black and white map of the stars 'Sistem 51' watch for men, \$165. Available at Swatch Stores across Canada and swatch.com.

Tastes so sweet

It's hard to resist heart-shaped hand-decorated sugar cookies. Eat My Words



gift boxed cookies, \$29. Proceeds donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. eatmywords.org.

Cinnamon kisses and more

'Gimme Some' Valentine candy from Confetti. Three-box set includes cinnamon kisses, happy-ever-after gummie hearts, and love bites candy, \$16.95. Available at theconfettico.com.

Bathing beauty

(three products)

Wrap up Cupid's Love Soap, Heart Throb Bubblebath and the Floating Flower Bath Bomb for your Valentine. Lush vegan bath products, \$6.95 to \$8.95 each. Available at LUSH stores across Canada and lush.ca until Valentine's Day.



Clockwise, from bottom left: Let's Stay Home pillow, \$49.50; Men's Valentine's Day boxers, \$10; Smartphone Slake deluxe Rose Gold Phonecase, \$105; Selfie wand, \$29.88; Trojan Arouses & Releases lubricant, \$19.99; Baby doll nightie, \$60.



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Sharing is not caring

Common courtesy. You don't have to be kept captive by cold viruses in professional settings

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You know better than to go to work sniffing, hacking and sneezing up a storm.

However, it can be frustrating when your co-workers don't extend the same courtesy. Equally annoying is visiting a shop or bank where the person you are interacting with is contagiously sick.

But you don't have to be held captive by their bugs and viruses in professional settings. Here is how you can take action and still be courteous.

"If a co-worker isn't covering their mouth, turning away, or dry-coughing into

their sleeve, it's perfectly acceptable to suggest they do," said Linda Allan, a Toronto business etiquette consultant.

Keep a box of tissue nearby, she said, and don't be shy about extending the box to someone in need. If an ill colleague borrows your pen or stapler, "It's best not to make a comment," Allan said. "Just use sanitizer to clean the object as soon as they've left your office. Or give them the pen."

Not only can you speak up at work, you can broach the topic with sick people you encounter when going about personal business. This realy-happened anecdote was posed to Allan. What happens if you are at the bank, the tell-



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er coughs all over your cash and hands it to you? There isn't much you can graciously do about the cash itself other than take it and clean your hands after. However, you

can say to the teller, politely but on-point, that they seem far too ill to be dealing with the public.

"Nowadays, most of us are very aware that those serving

the public should take every precaution to handle things safely and, if they don't, it's perfectly acceptable to nicely tell them," she said.

And while it's tempting to

be angry at those who come to work sick, try not to be judgmental.

"Not everyone is in a position to stay home when they're not well," Allan said.



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Court

Second juror dismissed in Hernandez trial

Another juror was dismissed in the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez on Wednesday, marking the second time in two weeks a panellist has been removed from the case.

Superior Court Judge Susan Garsh told jurors after a short session Wednesday morning that they may have noticed another empty seat in the jury box.

"That was for reasons that were entirely personal to that juror," Garsh said. "It has nothing to do with this case."

She did not elaborate.

The panel is now made up of 16 jurors, and 12 will ultimately decide Hernandez's fate. Alternates will be selected randomly immediately before deliberations.

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Obituary

UNLV's Tarkanian dead at 84

He couldn't stop fighting the NCAA any more than he could give up chewing towels courtside. Jerry Tarkanian built a basketball dynasty in the desert, but it was his decades-long battle with the NCAA that defined him far more than the wins and losses.

The coach who won a national title at UNLV and made the school synonymous with basketball died Wednesday after several years of health issues. He was 84.

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Evander Kane has recorded 10 goals and 12 assists in 37 games with the Jets this season. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

Sabres acquire Kane in blockbuster trade

NHL. Jets deal disgruntled forward and two others for four players and draft pick

Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff pulled off a blockbuster trade Wednesday in a bid to get his team to the playoffs for the first time since they moved to Winnipeg.

Controversial Jets forward Evander Kane is gone in the deal with the Sabres that also sent defenceman Zach Bo-

gosian and goaltending prospect Jason Kasdorf to Buffalo for former NHL rookie of the year defenceman Tyler Myers, veteran winger Drew Stafford, prospects Joel Armia and Brendan Lemieux and a 2015 first-round pick.

"Anytime we can add to our drive right now, I think (Cheveldayoff) sends a message he believes in our group," Jets captain Andrew Ladd said. "I know he's pretty happy with how things have played out this year and then the work that we've put in, so as a player it's exciting to have a couple

First-round pick

The draft pick in the trade will be the lowest of the Sabres' three in the first round.

guys come here to try to help us win some games."

The Jets haven't been in the playoffs since the former Atlanta Thrashers franchise relocated to Winnipeg before the 2011-12 season.

"(Cheveldayoff) is just trying to help us, give us the best chance we can here during

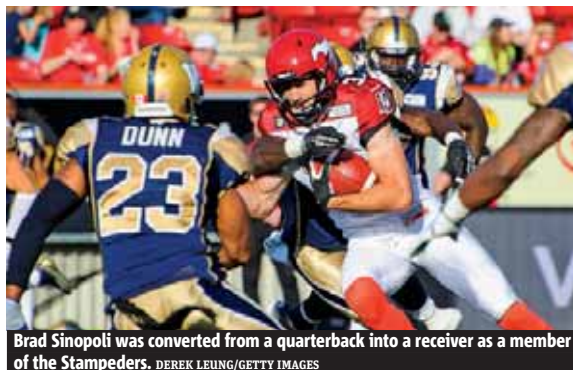
the stretch run to ultimately reach our goal and make the playoffs," said forward Blake Wheeler.

Winnipeg (28-18-10, 66 points) is holding down the first wild-card spot in the Western Conference standings.

"I'm excited about what this trade brings to our organization," said Cheveldayoff. "At the end of the day, it is a big deal, but we think it's something that's going to help us both in the short-term and really help us in the long-term." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Redblacks sign former Gee-Gees standout



Brad Sinopoli was converted from a quarterback into a receiver as a member of the Stampeders. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

to the Canadian capital.

The Ottawa Redblacks announced Wednesday that Sinopoli, who played collegiately at the University of Ottawa, had signed with the CFL club as a free agent. Also joining the second-year franchise are receiver Greg Ellingson and offensive lineman SirVincent Rogers.

The six-foot-four, 215-pound Sinopoli had 20 catches for 197 yards and two touchdowns in 12 games with the Grey Cup-

champion Calgary Stampeders. The 24-year-old native of Peterborough, Ont., played quarterback at the University of Ottawa and in 2010 captured the Hec Crighton Trophy as Canadian university football's outstanding player.

Calgary took Sinopoli in the fourth round, 29th overall, in the 2011 CFL draft. He served as the No. 3 quarterback with the club in 2011 and 2012 before being converted to receiver.

Ellingson, 26, a six-foot-

three, 197-pound Florida native, had 84 catches for 1,229 yards and six TDs over two seasons with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Rogers, 28, of Jasper, Texas, spent the last two campaigns with the Toronto Argonauts. In 2012, Rogers played offensive lineman and tight end for the Arizona Rattlers of the Arena Football League, catching five passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns, helping his team win the Arena Bowl championship. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blues stumble but stay way ahead

Premiership. Lone goal at the 89th gives Chelsea a win over Everton that keeps them seven points from second-place City

Premier League leader Chelsea left it late to beat Everton 1-0 on Wednesday and maintain its seven-point advantage over Manchester City as the champions won 4-1 at Stoke.

Willian's 89th-minute winner for Chelsea came a minute after a foul on the midfielder led to Everton midfielder Gareth Barry being sent off for a second bookable offence.

The victory dashed City's hopes of closing the gap on Chelsea on a night when Sergio Agüero scored twice to end his team's four-game winless run.

Manchester United remains five points behind neighbour City but rose to third with an unconvincing 3-1 victory over Burnley.

Southampton dropped to



Brazil's Willian scores for the Premier League leaders Chelsea against Everton at Stamford Bridge in London Wednesday. IAN KINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

fourth after being held 0-0 by 10-man West Ham, while Crystal Palace drew 1-1 with manager Alan Pardew's former club Newcastle. West Bromwich Albion climbed four points clear

of the relegation zone by beating Swansea 2-0.

At Stamford Bridge, Everton manager Roberto Martinez was unhappy that in the melee around Barry's dismissal, Chelsea

defender Branislav Ivanovic was not sent off for an apparent attempted head-butt on James McCarthy.

"That shouldn't be allowed," Martinez said. "He

grabs James McCarthy around his neck in a very forceful manner and then he puts his head against him when James McCarthy never reacted. If you want to be that fair with the

law, it's a red card."

But Mourinho told BT Sport television: "Did Branislav Ivanovic go in with his head? Don't make me laugh. Don't make me laugh." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Copa del Rey

Messi ever the difference maker for Barcelona

Lionel Messi scored one goal and set up another to help Barcelona beat Villarreal 3-1 on Wednesday in the first leg of their Copa del Rey semifinal.

Messi netted from Luis Suarez's pass after the Uruguay striker had won the ball back in the 41st minute. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Golf

Tiger says his play is 'not acceptable'

Tiger Woods said Wednesday his game is "not acceptable" to compete in tournaments and he will return when he thinks it is.

Hopeful of having injuries behind him, Woods made a horrific start to the new year. He shot a career-high 82 in the second round of the Phoenix Open to miss the cut by 12 shots. And then he withdrew after 11 holes of ordinary golf at Torrey Pines because of tightness in his back from a fog delay. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL. Vegas using 'Peg ticket-drive template

When Winnipeg needed to prove it deserved an NHL team again, it went from zero to 13,000 real quick. Season tickets were sold out within seven minutes.

"It really was surprising how quickly things went," said True North vice-president of sales and marketing Norva Riddell. "We were completely overwhelmed at how successful and how quickly that all resonated."

Almost four years after the Atlanta Thrashers were relocated, Winnipeg is the gold standard for season-ticket drives and one that Las Vegas would love to emulate as it embarks on trying to show the NHL an expansion team belongs there.

It's unrealistic to expect tickets to be gone in 420 seconds like in Winnipeg, but planning and sales personnel from Las Vegas sought out help from True North before launching their drive Tuesday. The Jets have been happy to lend a helping hand.

"If we can help people have successful operations in other markets, I think it's good for everybody," Riddell said in a recent phone interview. "The greater intention of everyone, to keep promoting the sport of hockey and have successful clubs in markets, I think is fan-

Price plan

The VegasWantsHockey ticket prices range from \$20 US to \$220 (and deposits from \$150 to \$900) with the goal of making the average cost around the NHL's average of \$62 to \$65. The website doesn't list full-season prices, but they would be roughly \$900 to \$9,990.

tastic for everyone."

Winnipeg and Las Vegas are very different, something deputy commissioner Bill Daly pointed out recently when noting True North already had a season-ticket base in place and was selling actual seats to a real team already on the way. And there's no denying that Las Vegas presents a variety of different challenges, not the least of which include a lack of hockey tradition.

In Winnipeg, True North knew it had an audience yearning for the NHL, which left in 1996. But the same principles that helped Winnipeg's "Drive to 13,000" are important to the VegasWantsHockey push to get at least 10,000 for a team to begin play in 2016-17.

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♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Don't be discouraged if today's events throw your plans into disarray. Most people around you will be dealing with chaos over the next 24 hours so at least you won't be alone.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You are in one of those moods when whatever other people say you feel you have to take an opposing viewpoint. Are you being contrary for the fun of it?

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If a friend or co-worker tries to take liberties with your kindly nature today let them know it isn't going to happen. That applies especially to your career.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You will demand to be the centre of attention today and if those you live and work with know what is good for them they will help you up on to the stage and let you get on with it.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

The more you think you may be able to get away with something underhand today, the more likely it is you will make a serious mistake. This is not a good time to take risks.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Can you trust what someone tells you? According to the planets the only way to find out for sure is by doing what they say and seeing what happens.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Something unusual will occur today but it won't do you any harm so long as you don't overreact. It could be the case that someone is deliberately trying to annoy you.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Someone will annoy you today. No matter what you say they'll disagree with you and attempt to derail your plans. They can only succeed if you let them.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Pace yourself and don't force yourself to do things because other people expect you to. If you don't have the energy to do a certain task don't do it.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

This is a good time for all forms of communication, and whether you pick up a pen or pick up a phone others will be delighted to hear from you.

♓ Pisces

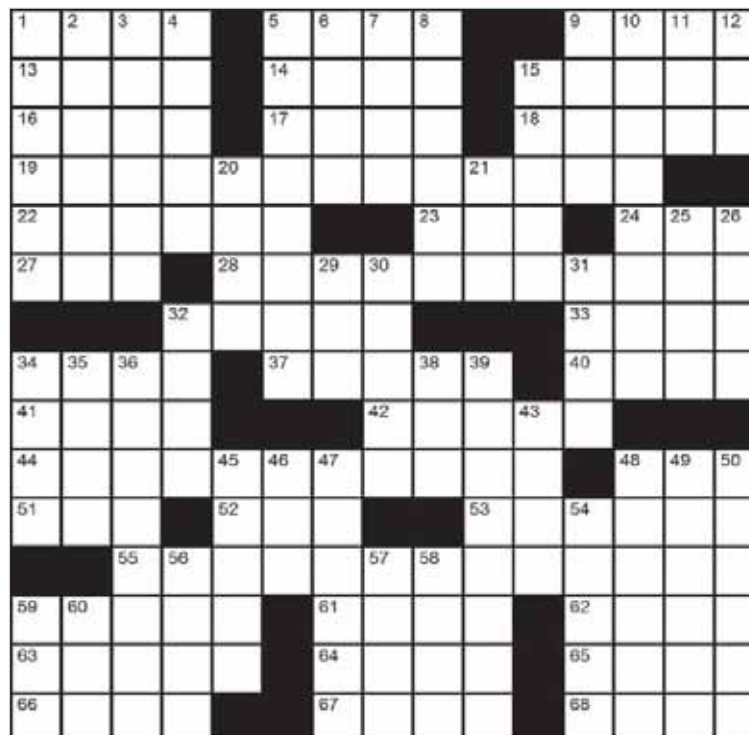
Feb. 20 - March 20

No matter how many things you may have on the go at work, take care of the needs of loved ones first. You may be intensely ambitious but if your home life isn't happy it's unlikely you will be at your best.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Terrorist's arms, commonly
5. 'Bugs' of winter
9. Part of a triathlon has to be what?
13. Total
14. Tardy
15. Prosperity periods
16. Sphere
17. Dry
18. Edgar __ Poe
19. Learn The Second City craft, take these: 2 wds.
22. Mississippi city where Elvis Presley was born
23. Young fox
24. Verdi aria: " __ Tu"
27. Charlemagne's li'l domain
28. Times for Randy Bachman to shine: 2 wds.
32. Canadian news anchor Ms. Len
33. 'Wine'-meaning prefix
34. Napoleon's exile isle
37. Gardening purchases
40. Mr. Seacrest
41. Attack, lion-style
42. WWII threat
44. Quebec's version of MuchMusic
48. Business books balancers, briefly
51. Dates to follow BCs
52. Model/actress Carol



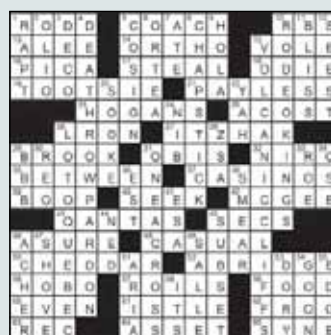
53. Face
55. A laser is used for it in a dermatologist's office: 2 wds.
59. Perfumery property
61. " __ doubt..."
62. Prescriptions, commonly
63. Doodler's need

Down

1. Ghost
2. Soft-toned complaint
3. Coastal town of France on the English Channel
4. Kind of drum
5. Food tastes
6. Tir a __ (Archery, in French)
7. Gas or elec., e.g.
8. "You're my little Valentine..." song-bit-singer Neil
9. Shoe spot
10. Winnipeg neighbourhood dubbed 'The Granola Belt'
11. Ms. Thurman

12. Butterfly logo co.
15. Rope fibres
20. Actress Ms. Kurylenko
21. "My dear fellow."
25. Canadian hardware store
26. "This girl fire..." - Alicia Keys
29. Fire and __ (Robert Frost poem)
30. Traffic standstill
31. Dutch astronomer, Jan __ (b.1900 - d.1992)
32. Country of Africa
34. Ex-Spice Girl Ms. Bunton
35. Honour
36. Waiting-for-public-transit locales: 2 wds.
38. Twofold, tiny-ly
39. Vacationer's keepsake
43. "Sure __ standing here..."
45. Where Doha is the capital city
46. Final [abbr.]
47. Star: French
48. Admonition
49. "In- __ -Da-Vida" by Iron Butterfly
50. __ Blue (Dandruff shampoo brand)
54. Prefix meaning 'Sleep'
56. "Mister Ed" actor Leon
57. Wizard __ (Comic strip)
58. Aggravate
59. Liable
60. Actress Charlotte

Yesterday's Crossword



Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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